

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please replace present claim 15 with the following claim 15:

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15. (Amended) The peptide of claim 27 wherein comprises RIALRY^{LAB}YRLAIR (SEQ ID NO:40), YRLAIR^{LAB}RIALRY (SEQ ID NO:36), RIALRY^{LAB}RILLRY (SEQ ID NO:41) or YRL^{LAB}IRYRLAIR (SEQ ID NO:42).

Please replace present claim 16 with the following claim 16:

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16. (Amended) The peptide of claim 27 which is YRLAIRLNER^{B-B (ok)}RENRLIALRY (SEQ ID NO:26) or YRLAIRLNER^{B-B (ok)}YRLAIRLNER (SEQ ID NO:31).

Please replace present claim 17 with the following claim 17:

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17. (Amended) The peptide of claim 27 which is YRLAIR⁷⁹RIALRY (SEQ ID NO:36). *79 is de of independent Nov 81*
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Please replace present claim 27 with the following claim 27:

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27. (Amended). A peptide dimer that inhibits cytotoxicity and consists of 12 to 60 amino acids, and has the one of the following structures:

REDLRIRGY
N L L R
R E aa⁷⁷ L R aa⁸⁰⁻⁸³ Y (I) (SEQ ID NO:38) or

Y aa⁸³⁻⁸⁰ R L aa⁷⁷ E R (II) (SEQ ID NO:39), and *YGRATRLDER*
R L L N

N-terminal acylated and/or C-terminal amidated or esterified forms;
wherein:

aa⁷⁷ is D, S or N;

aa⁸⁰ is I or N;

aa⁸¹ is A or L;

aa⁸² is R or L;

aa⁸³ is G or R.
